

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 905

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of John Richard Anderson  
of Chattanooga.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of  
the passing of John Richard Anderson; and

WHEREAS, John Anderson was a loving husband, father, and grandfather and a  
prominent local attorney who was passionate about the practice of law and serving his clients;  
and

WHEREAS, born in Nashville on April 7, 1956, to Robert "Bob" and Beatrice "Bea"  
Anderson, Mr. Anderson was raised in Goodlettsville; and

WHEREAS, he attended the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga as a Brock  
Scholar, thereafter enrolling in the law school at the University of Cincinnati at Toledo; and

WHEREAS, after earning his juris doctorate, John Anderson returned to his beloved  
Chattanooga, where he practiced law with Grant, Konvalinka and Harrison for three decades;  
specializing in real estate law, he helped develop apartments and shopping centers throughout  
Tennessee and Georgia; and

WHEREAS, a man of devout faith, John Anderson was a lifelong and faithful Christian  
and taught the adult Sunday school class at Mountain Creek Church of Christ for twenty-six  
years, in addition to directing Vacation Bible School and youth activities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Anderson was also an avid reader and grill master, and his pecan pies  
were legendary; he was a blessing to all who knew him and often the first person his family and  
friends would call when they needed advice or support; and

WHEREAS, his greatest joy was spending time with his three grandchildren, for whom  
he built treehouses, putt-putt greens, and swings; and

WHEREAS, John Anderson is survived by his wife, Teresa Lynn Anderson; his daughter, Lacy (Eric) Windham, M.D.; his brother, Steve; his grandchildren, Lee, Lake, and Lark; and a host of other family members and dear friends; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Anderson leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of John Richard Anderson, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Anderson.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.